

**MARVEL** #22

LATOUR  
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# SPIDER-GWEN™



AS A TEENAGER, GWEN STACY WAS BITTEN BY A MUTATED SPIDER. THE BITE TRANSFORMED HER, GRANTING HER AMAZING POWERS: A PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, AND THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED AND STRENGTH OF A SPIDER. TO THE RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK, SHE IS THE DANGEROUS VIGILANTE CALLED SPIDER-WOMAN, BUT YOU KNOW HER AS...

# SPIDER-GWEN

## PREVIOUSLY...



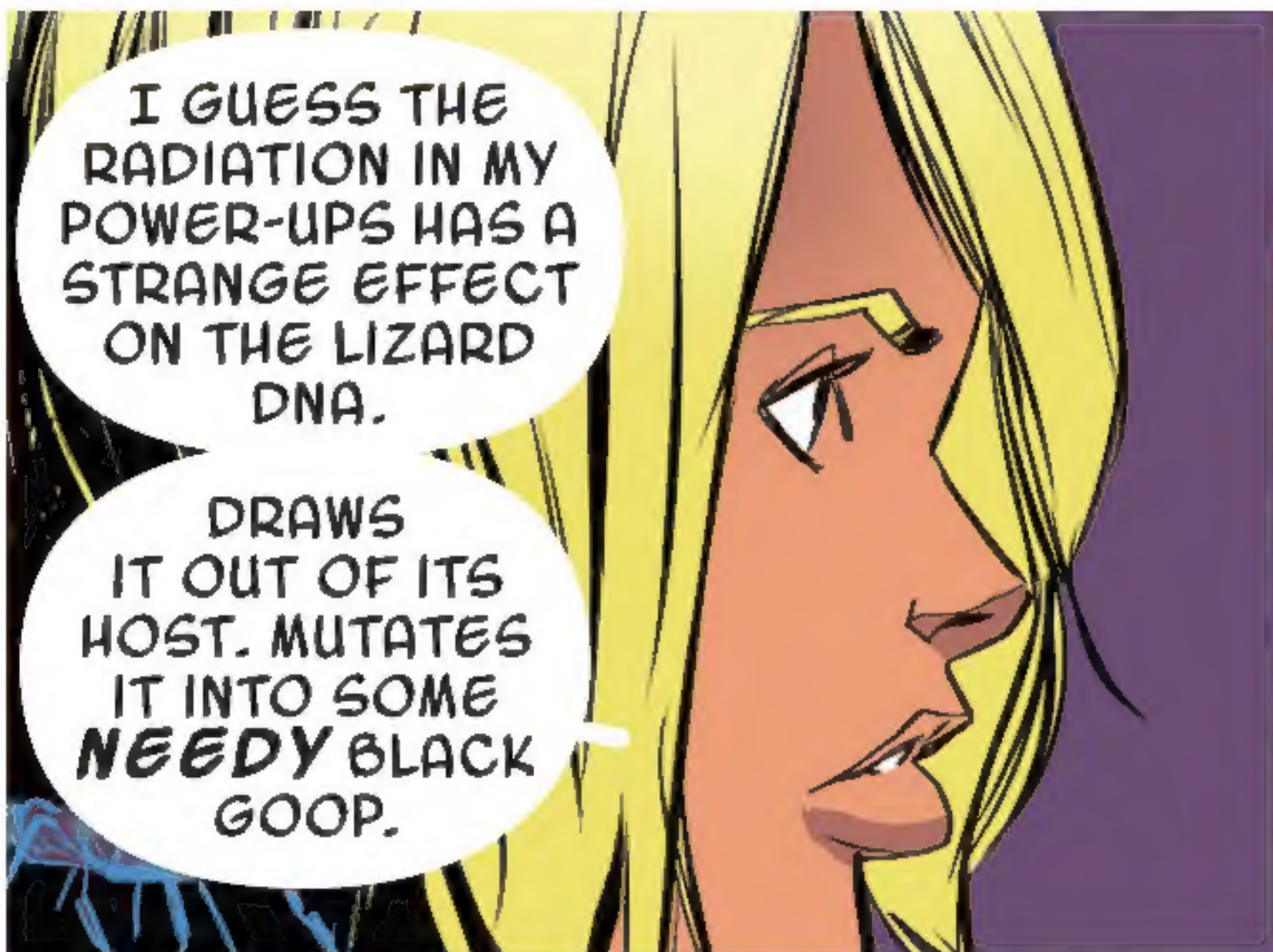
ALEKSEI  
SYTSEVICH...

...YOU  
ARE **FREE**  
TO GO.

**SLAM!**



MURDOCK  
SAYS TAB IS DUE,  
**CAPTAIN**  
STACY.



I GUESS THE  
RADIATION IN MY  
POWER-UPS HAS A  
STRANGE EFFECT  
ON THE LIZARD  
DNA.

DRAWS  
IT OUT OF ITS  
HOST. MUTATES  
IT INTO SOME  
**NEEDY** BLACK  
GOOP.



I'M  
TURNING INTO A  
**MONSTER,**  
GWEN!



NICELY  
DONE, KIT  
KAT.

WHAT'D  
I TELL YA?  
TWO HEADS'RE  
BETTER THAN  
ONE...

WHATEVER,  
OLD MAN.

BE GRATEFUL,  
SPIDER-WOMAN. WE  
GOT THIS...



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NYPD CENTRAL  
PRECINCT.

WHICH  
FLOOR,  
OFFICER...?

BOYLE,  
MA'AM. OFFICER  
BOYLE.

FUNNY  
ENOUGH, I'M  
HEADIN' TO THE  
NINTH FLOOR, TOO,  
DETECTIVE  
DEWOLFF.

RECKON  
WE'RE VISITIN'  
A MUTUAL  
FRIEND.

DROPPIN'  
OFF A LITTLE  
READING MATERIAL FOR  
CAPTAIN STACY,  
MYSELF.

WE KINDA  
STARTED A  
LITTLE BOOK  
CLUB.

HEH.  
DAD SWORD.  
NICE ONE.

NOTHING  
GEORGE **LOVES**  
MORE THAN A GOOD  
FANTASY.

HA. NEVER  
HEARD ANYONE  
CALL HIM "GEORGE."  
MAKES HIM  
SOUND...

LIKE HE'S  
NOT TEN FEET  
TALL AND BULLET-  
PROOF?

YEAH,  
WELL...

...TAKE IT  
FROM SOMEONE  
WHO SPENT YEARS  
SQUEEZED INTO A PATROL  
CRUISER INHALING HIS  
"WISDOM."

THE BEST  
THING ABOUT  
CAPTAIN GEORGE  
STACY...

...IS HE'S  
JUST AS HUMAN  
AS THE REST  
OF US.

**DAD  
SWORD**



THAT'S WEIRD. NOBODY'S HOME.

WHERE'S THE SHIFT MANAGER? THERE'S SUPPOSED TO ALWAYS BE A--



I DON'T KNOW, BOYLE.

AND THAT WORRIES ME.



CAPTAIN STACY?

GEORGE, ARE YOU--



HEH. HEH. HEH.

"GEORGE"? "GEORGE"...



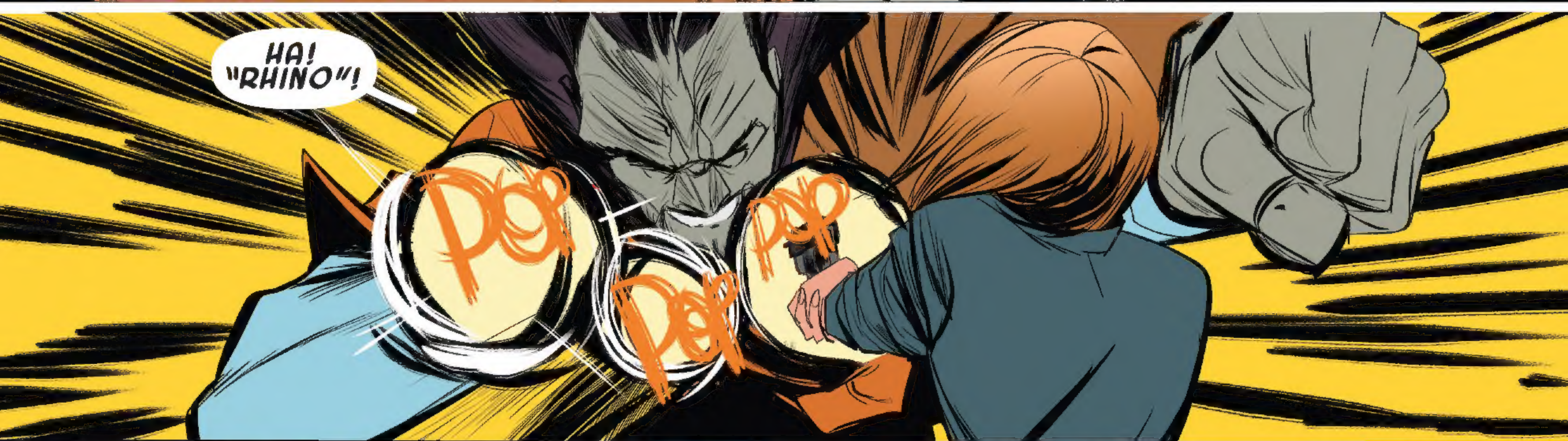
...IS  
A FUNNY  
NAME...  
"GEORGE."

RHINO?!



BOYLE...  
RUN.

"RHINO"?  
WHAT "RHINO"?  
ME?!



HA!  
"RHINO"!



I **LIKE** THIS  
NICKNAME!

HNGH!



MASTER  
SYTSEVICH...



...THE JOB  
IS DONE. WE  
MUST GO.

REMEMBER  
OUR TRUE  
GOAL.

DONE?  
**BAH!** THIS WORK  
IS DULL!

**FUN** WAS JUST  
STARTING!



...CALL ME  
"RHINO."

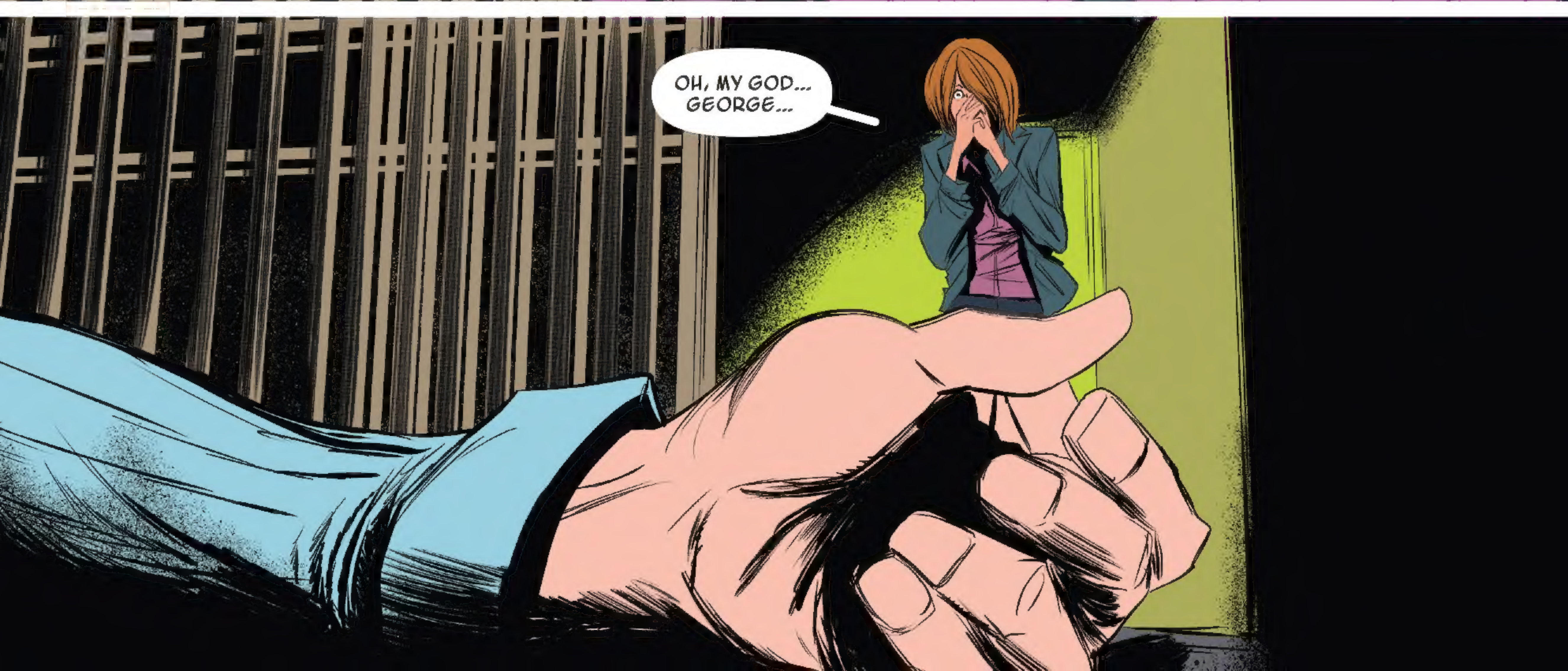
**GEORGE?!**

OH, GOD,  
GEORGE.

**GEORGE, SAY  
SOMETHING!**



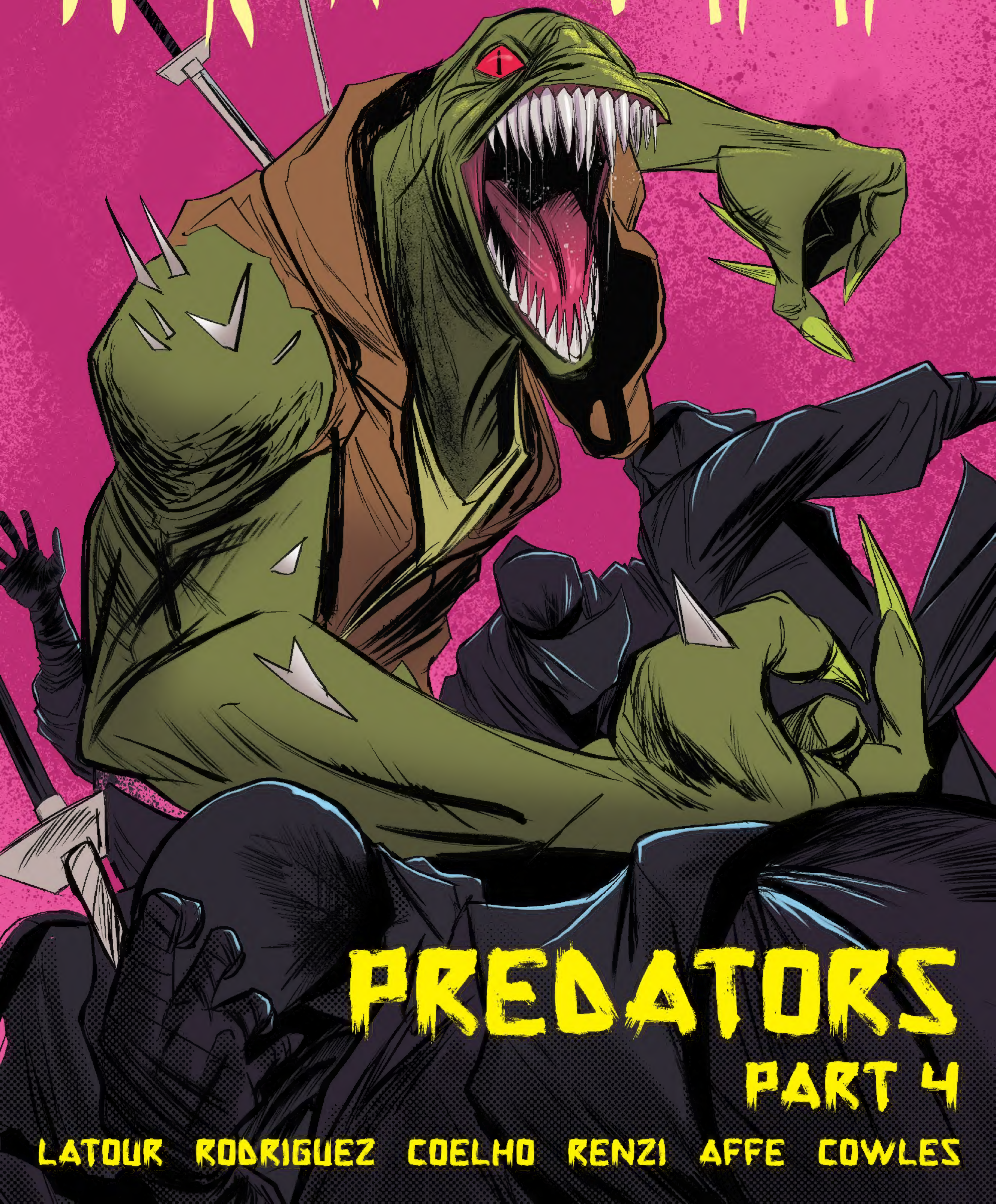
OH, MY GOD...  
GEORGE...



"...WHAT HAVE  
THEY DONE?!"

MADRIPOOR.

RAARRRRGGGGGGHHH!



# PREDATORS

## PART 4

LATOUR RODRIGUEZ COELHO RENZI AFFE COWLES



HNNF...  
HNFF...

TSK. TSK.  
WHAT'S THE MATTER,  
LOGAN?

IT'S JUST  
A FEW DOZEN NINJAS  
AND A BABY T. REX,  
RIGHT?

YOU  
STILL "GOT THIS"  
OR NOT?



HRNF.  
WATCH  
ME.

YOU HAVE TO  
**LISTEN** TO ME,  
SHADOWCAT.

I  
CAN **END**  
THIS.

I CAN--

HEH.  
**SURE** YOU  
CAN.



"BUT ME AND  
LOGAN MADE A  
DEAL. I OWE HIM  
A SWING AT IT.

"I MEAN SURE, HE MAY  
LOOK LIKE A BAG OF  
FLAMING DOG POOP...

RRARRRRGH!

"...BUT HE'S STILL  
JUST AS **TOUGH**  
TO **STOMP** OUT."



"IT DOESN'T  
**MATTER** HOW  
**TOUGH** HE IS,  
YOU IDIOT!

SSWAY!

"THE LIZARD MUTAGEN  
IN HARRY'S BLOOD--IT'S  
**REGENERATIVE**...



"FOR EVERY PIECE  
OF **HARRY** HE  
CUTS AWAY...

"...MORE **LIZARD**  
GROWS IN ITS  
PLACE!"



HARRY SAW  
S.H.I.E.L.D.'S  
SECRET FILES,  
SHADOWCAT.

HE  
TOLD ME  
THE **TRUTH**  
ABOUT LOGAN.  
ABOUT HIS  
CURSE.

WHOEVER HE  
WAS...WHATEVER  
WAS TAKEN FROM  
HIM...



"...THIS IS THE **OPPOSITE**  
OF HOW TO GET IT BACK."

YOU'LL  
LONG TREAD  
THIS EARTH,  
LOGAN.

A DAY  
FOR EVERY  
LIFE YOU'VE  
TAKEN...



"...AND  
A DAY FOR  
EVERY LIFE YOU'LL  
TAKE."

"HEH. I KNOW THE  
STORY BETTER THAN  
YOU EVER WILL,  
SPIDER-GIRLY!"



I TOOK  
THIS GIG TO  
STOP THINGS  
FROM GETTIN'  
**WORSE.**

TO  
PROTECT  
LOGAN FROM  
**HIMSELF.**

BUT...UH...  
YOU'VE KILLED LIKE  
A **BAJILLION**  
PEOPLE...

PEOPLE?!  
NINJAS AREN'T  
PEOPLE!



"HIS WHOLE LIFE, LOGAN'S  
CARRIED HIS PAIN LIKE  
A RUSTY OLD SWORD.

"FOUGHT EVERY INCH  
OF THE WAY AGAINST  
WHO HE REALLY IS...

"...AGAINST WHAT  
HE DOES BEST.



"MOST DAYS, THE BEST  
HE CAN DO IS TRY NOT  
TO HURT ANYONE WHO  
DOESN'T DESERVE IT.

"BUT TODAY?

"TODAY, HE'S FINALLY  
GOT THE CHANCE TO  
CUT LOOSE.



"TO FEEL **ALIVE**  
AGAIN.

"AND ALL IT COSTS IS A LITTLE PAIN  
THAT YOUR LITTLE FRIEND HAS HAD  
COMIN' FOR A LOOONG TIME NOW."



SO GO  
PLUCK SOMEONE  
**ELSE'S** HEARTSTRINGS,  
GIRL. BECAUSE  
LOGAN DESERVES  
THAT.

NO ONE'S  
**INNOCENT**  
HERE. WE JUST  
ARE WHAT WE  
ARE.

WHAT  
WE **CHOSE**  
TO BE.



YEAH.  
MAYBE YOU'RE  
RIGHT! MAYBE WE  
**DO** DESERVE  
THIS.

BUT THIS  
**MONSTER**  
YOU'RE TURNING  
HARRY INTO...



"...THAT'S NOT  
**HIS** DECISION--

YOU SEE,  
KITTY? LOGAN  
WAS A HERO  
ONCE.

BUT  
NOW HE IS  
BROKEN.

WITHOUT  
YOU TO HELP US,  
WE FEAR HIS BODY  
WILL REJECT  
OUR GIFT...



...BUT IF  
YOU COULD **LEND**  
WEAPON X YOUR  
POWER...

"...THAT'S  
**YOUR** CHOICE."

...WE  
MIGHT  
YET MAKE HIM  
GREATER  
STILL.



RRGGH!  
DAMN  
YOU!

UNF!



HOW DID YOU...HOW DO YOU **KNOW?**

STRYKER...  
WEAPON X...

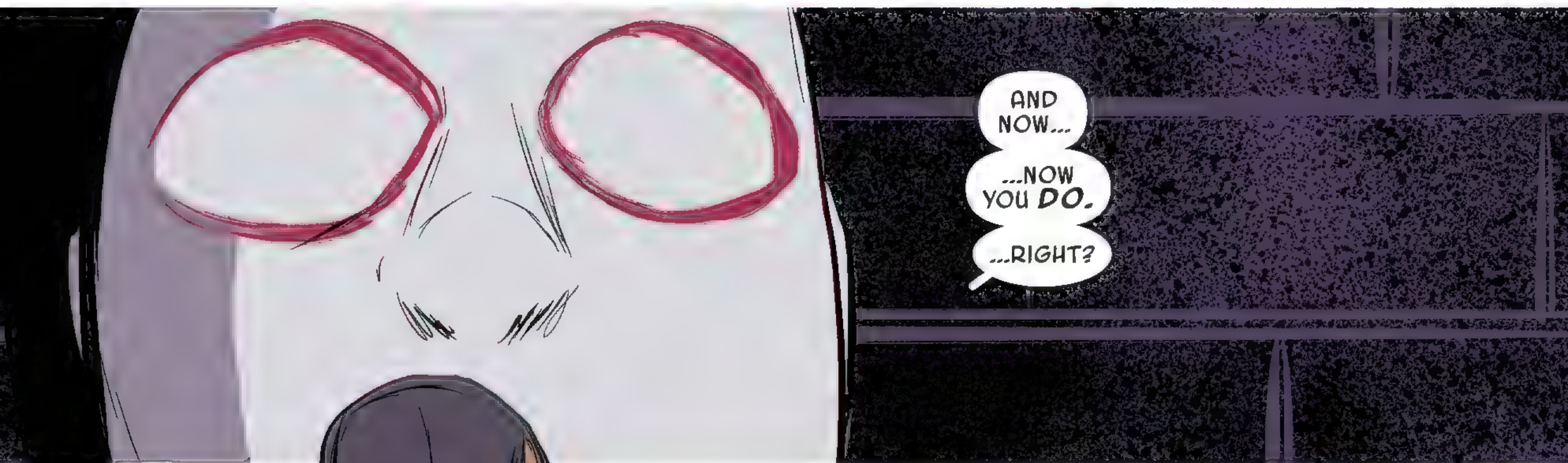
THEY  
**MADE ME...**

WHAT?  
WHAT ARE  
YOU--



I WAS A  
**LITTLE GIRL!**  
I THOUGHT I WAS  
**HELPING**  
**HIM!**

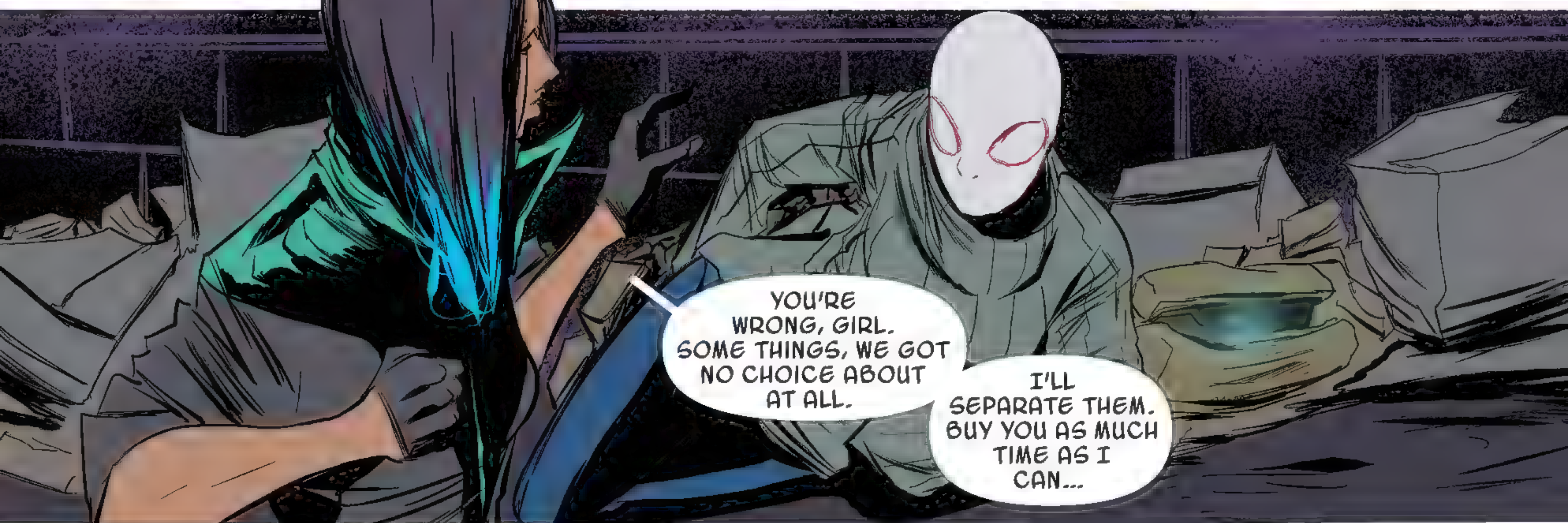
I HAD **NO**  
**CHOICE!**



AND  
NOW...

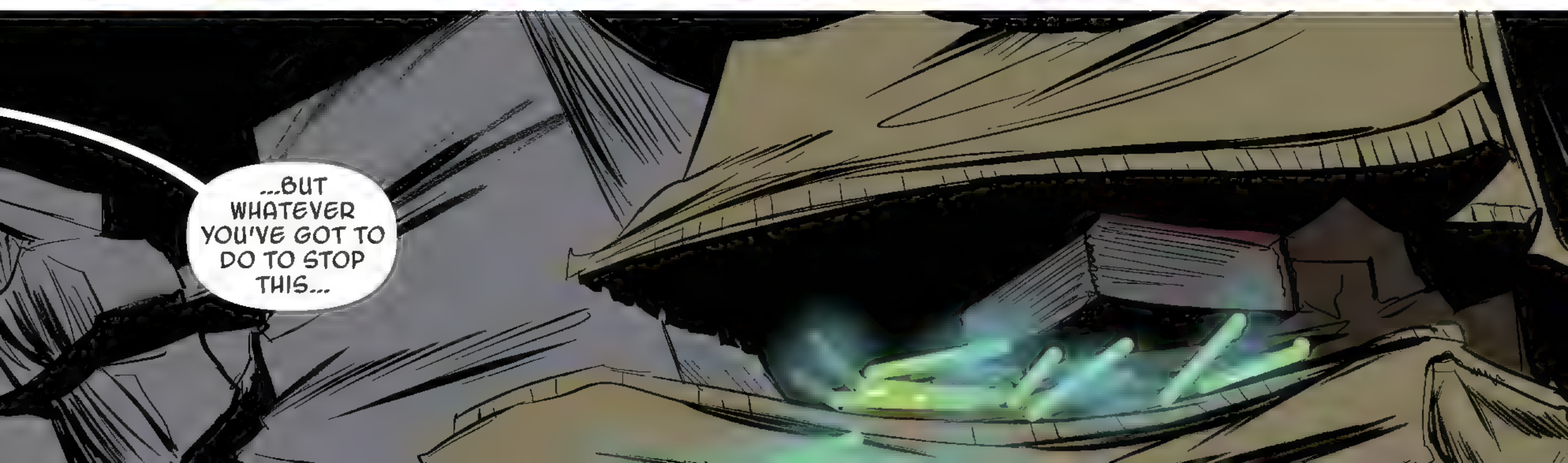
...NOW  
YOU **DO.**

...RIGHT?



YOU'RE  
WRONG, GIRL.  
SOME THINGS, WE GOT  
NO CHOICE ABOUT  
AT ALL.

I'LL  
SEPARATE THEM.  
BUY YOU AS MUCH  
TIME AS I  
CAN...



...BUT  
WHATEVER  
YOU'VE GOT TO  
DO TO STOP  
THIS...



"BEST GET TO DOING IT."

WHAT DO I THINK?

UH...I DUNNO, GWEN. I'M A SCIENTIST, NOT A LIFE COACH.

MAYBE CALL YOUR IMAGINARY SPIDER-PIG SPIRIT ANIMAL?



I HALLUCINATED TALKING TO SPIDER-HAM ONCE, REED. ONCE.

AFTER I GOT DROPPED ON MY HEAD.

WAIT. DROPPED ON YOUR HEAD WHEN YOU WERE A BABY, OR--?

THERE IS ACTUALLY A SPIDER-HAM, REED. THAT TIME IT WAS JUST A--AUGH-- PLEASE!



WILL THE PLAN WORK OR NOT?

HMM...WELL, IT MAKES "SENSE" THAT YOUR **POWER-UP** RADIATION COULD DRAW THE MUTAGEN OUT OF HARRY.

BUT WILL IT CREATE A TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA-FIGHTING OOZE MONSTER LIKE DR. BROCK TOLD YOU?

UH, SURE. WHY NOT?



"SURE. WHY NOT?"

I COULD END UP BONDED TO A MUTATED ALIEN "SYMBIOTE," REED!

UH, YEAH. YOU COULD.

BUT HOW'S THAT WEIRDER THAN BEING MUTATED BY A SPIDER BITE?



I MEAN, "SYMBIOTE" ACTUALLY IMPLIES A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL--

I KNOW WHAT IT IMPLIES, REED!

BUT HOW CAN I TRUST MATT FREAKIN' MURDOCK?!

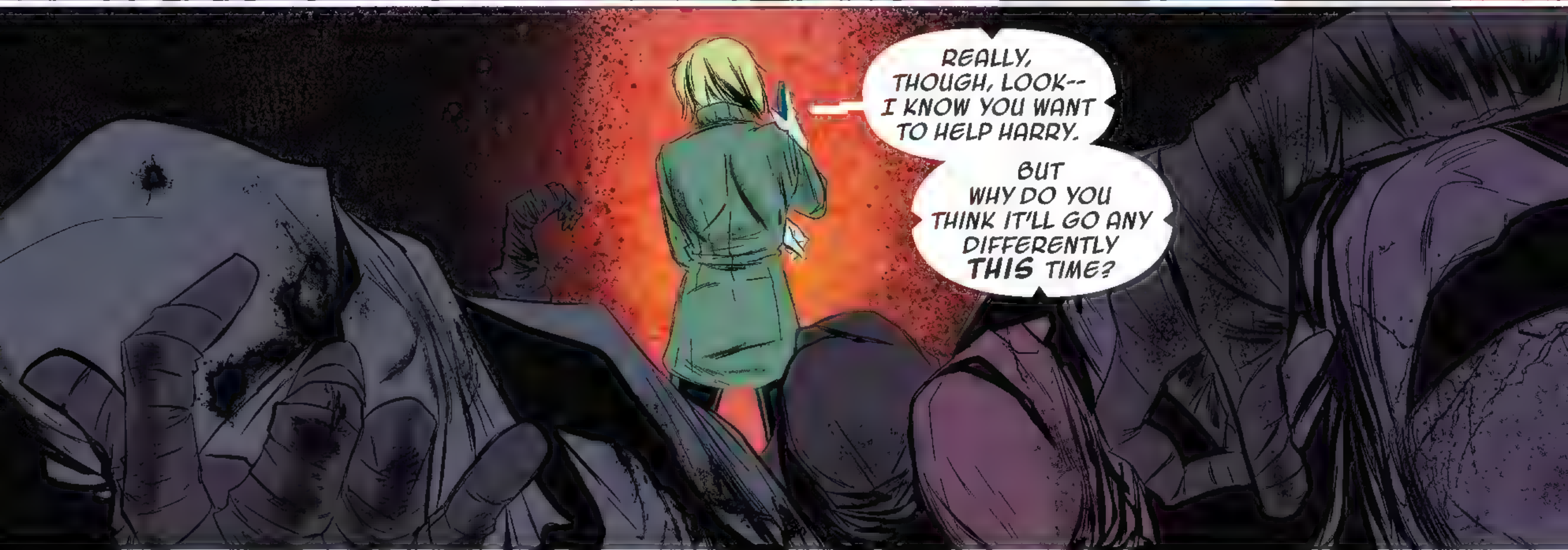


GOD. I CALLED  
A 13-YEAR-OLD KID FOR  
ADVICE...

WHAT IS  
**WRONG** WITH  
ME?

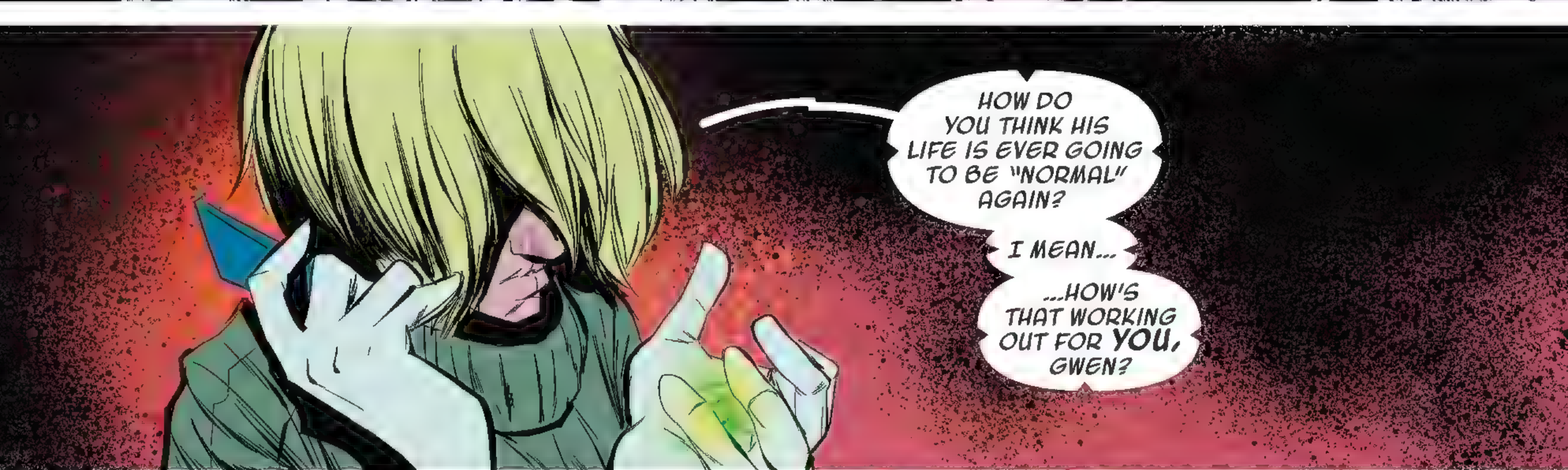
HONESTLY?  
A LOT.

BUT I'M  
YOUR FRIEND,  
SO I CAN SAY MEAN  
STUFF LIKE THAT.  
RIGHT?



REALLY,  
THOUGH, LOOK--  
I KNOW YOU WANT  
TO HELP HARRY.

BUT  
WHY DO YOU  
THINK IT'LL GO ANY  
DIFFERENTLY  
**THIS** TIME?



HOW DO  
YOU THINK HIS  
LIFE IS EVER GOING  
TO BE "NORMAL"  
AGAIN?

I MEAN...

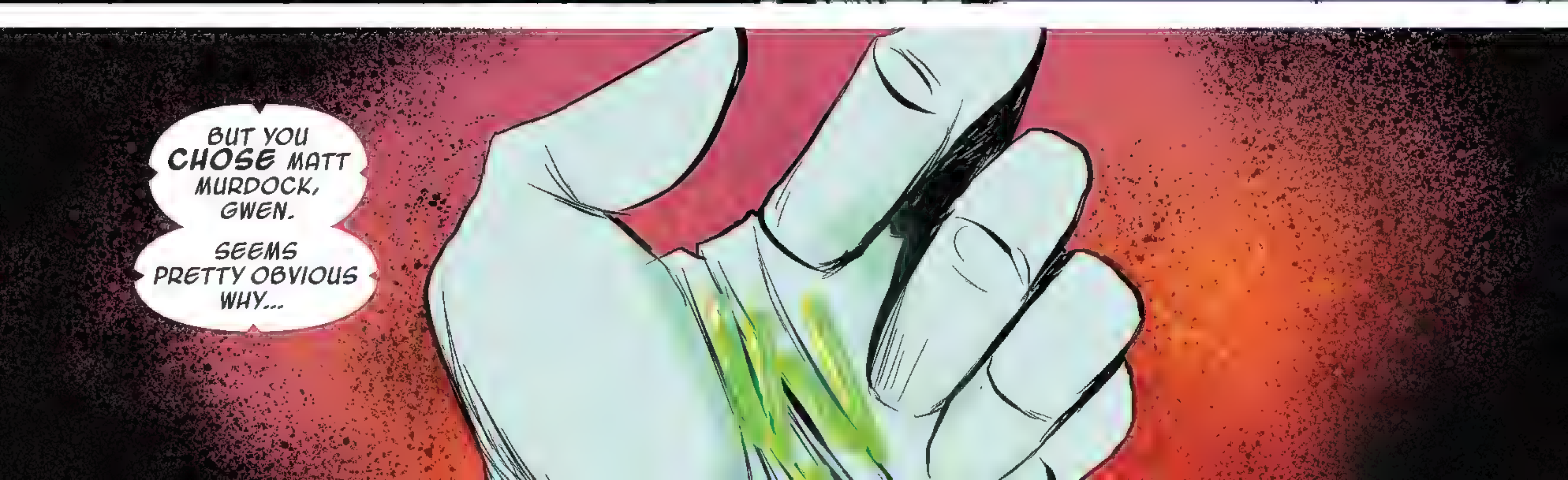
...HOW'S  
THAT WORKING  
OUT FOR YOU,  
GWEN?



REED...  
WHAT ARE YOU  
TRYING TO  
SAY?

I DUNNO.  
JUST, YOU COULD  
HAVE CALLED CAPTAIN  
AMERICA FOR  
HELP.

OR MAYBE  
HIRED A LAWYER  
THAT'S **NOT** THE  
KINGPIN OF  
CRIME.



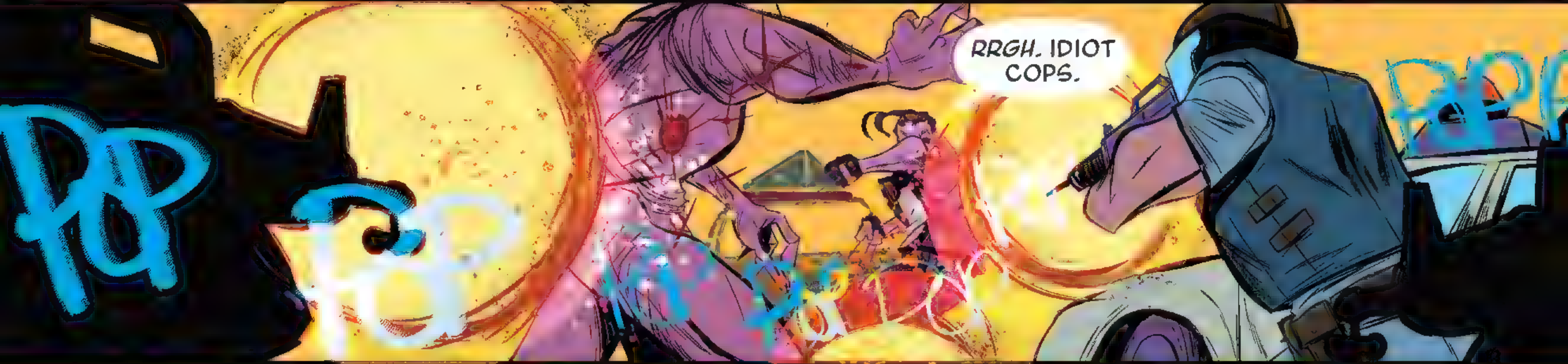
BUT YOU  
**CHOSE** MATT  
MURDOCK,  
GWEN.

SEEMS  
PRETTY OBVIOUS  
WHY...



"...SINCE THERE'S ONLY **ONE** THING YOU **BOTH** WANT."

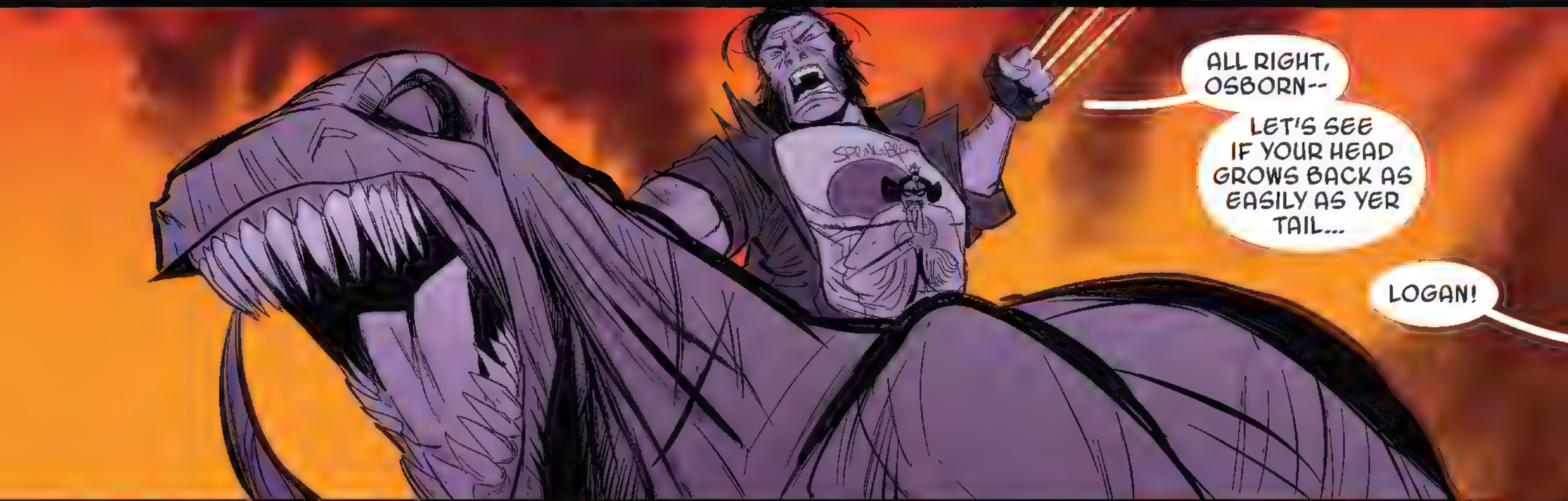
RRRARRGGGH!



RRGH. IDIOT COPS.



RRNNGGH!



ALL RIGHT, OSBORN--

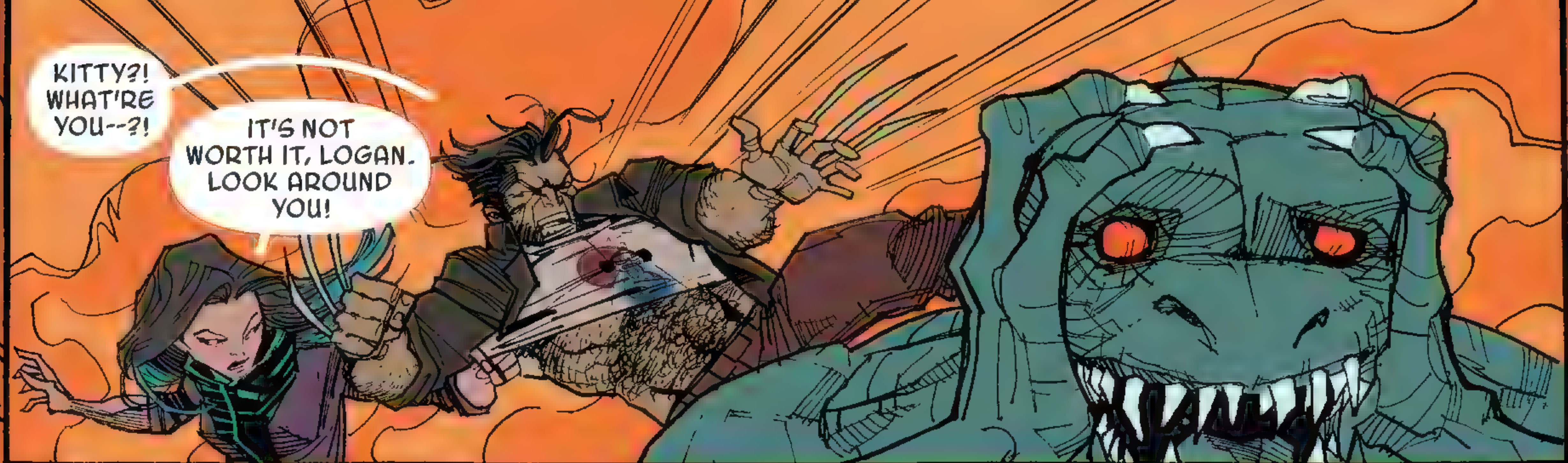
LET'S SEE IF YOUR HEAD GROWS BACK AS EASILY AS YER TAIL...

LOGAN!



STOP!

HNGFH!



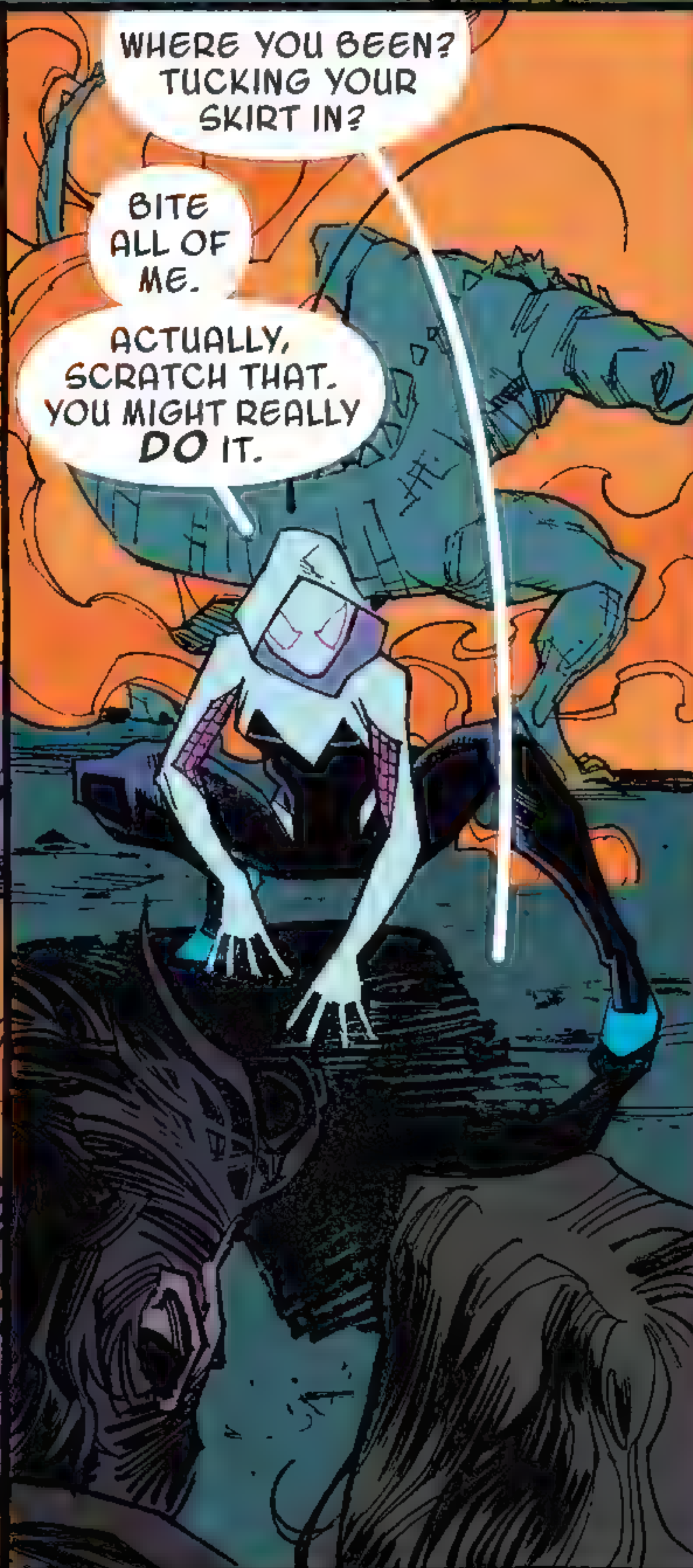
KITTY?!  
WHAT'RE  
YOU--?!

IT'S NOT  
WORTH IT, LOGAN.  
LOOK AROUND  
YOU!



IS *THIS*  
WHAT YOU WANT  
TO BE?

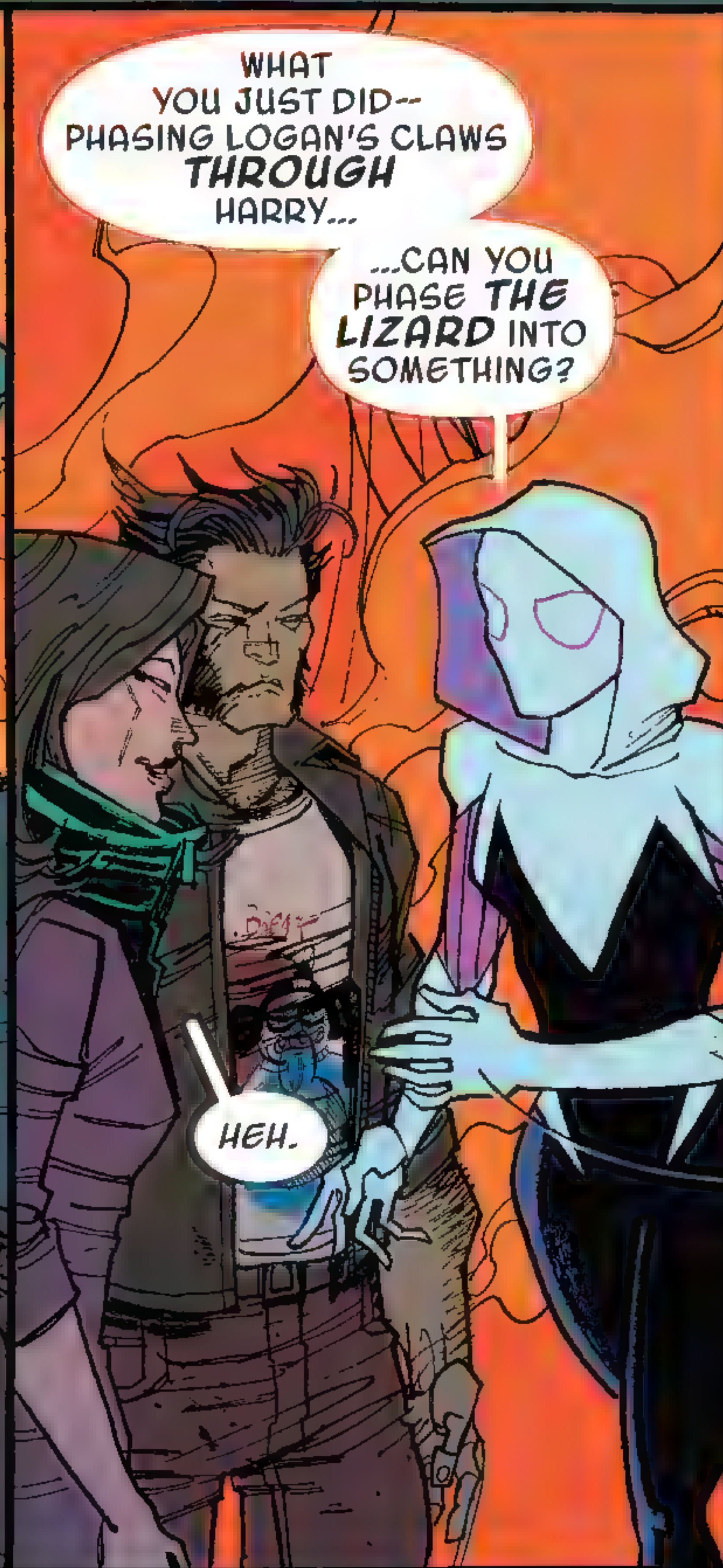
WHAT  
IS WORTH  
*THIS*?!



WHERE YOU BEEN?  
TUCKING YOUR  
SKIRT IN?

BITE  
ALL OF  
ME.

ACTUALLY,  
SCRATCH THAT.  
YOU MIGHT REALLY  
DO IT.

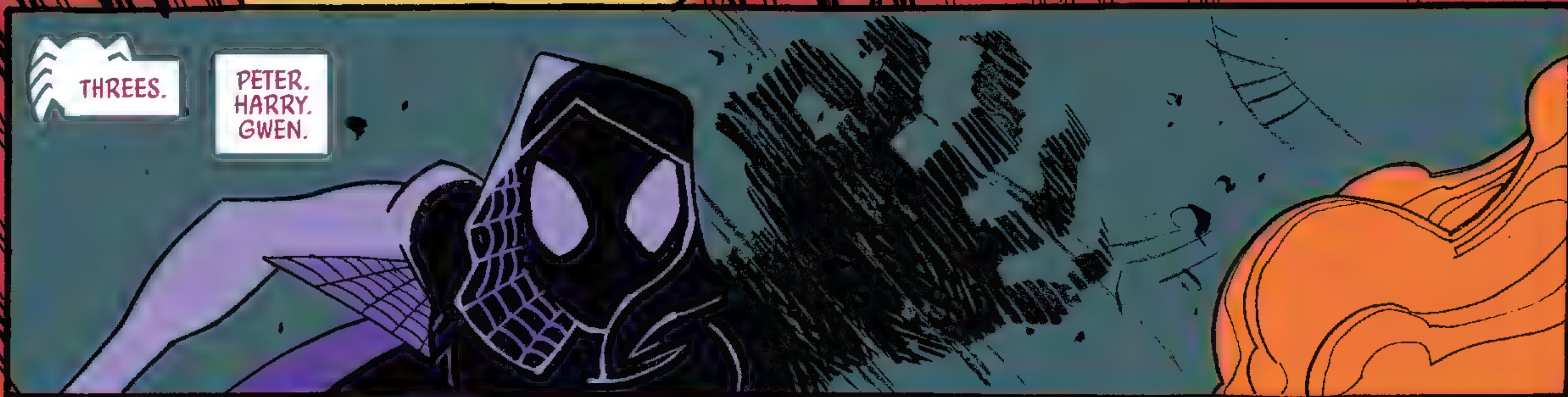


WHAT  
YOU JUST DID--  
PHASING LOGAN'S CLAWS  
**THROUGH**  
HARRY...

...CAN YOU  
PHASE **THE**  
**LIZARD** INTO  
SOMETHING?

HEH.

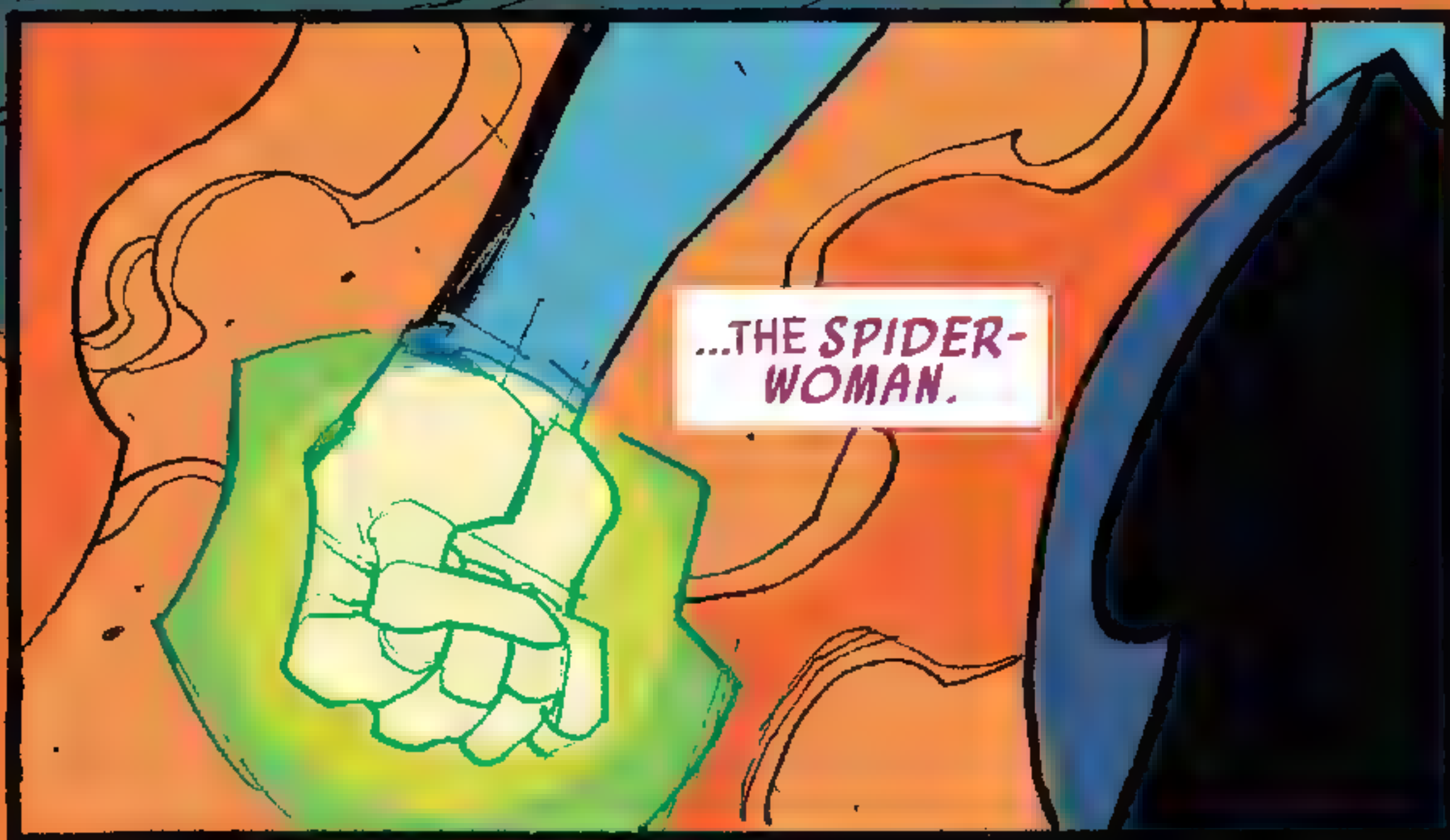




THE LIZARD.  
THE GOBLIN...



...THE SPIDER-  
WOMAN.



DOES DEATH  
REALLY COME  
IN THREES?

HRRNNGH.  
OKAY! READY OR NOT...  
SOLIDIFYING IN THREE...  
TWO...

...NOW!



I'M  
SO SORRY,  
HARRY.

I  
WAS JUST  
SCARED.

RRRRRARRGGGH!



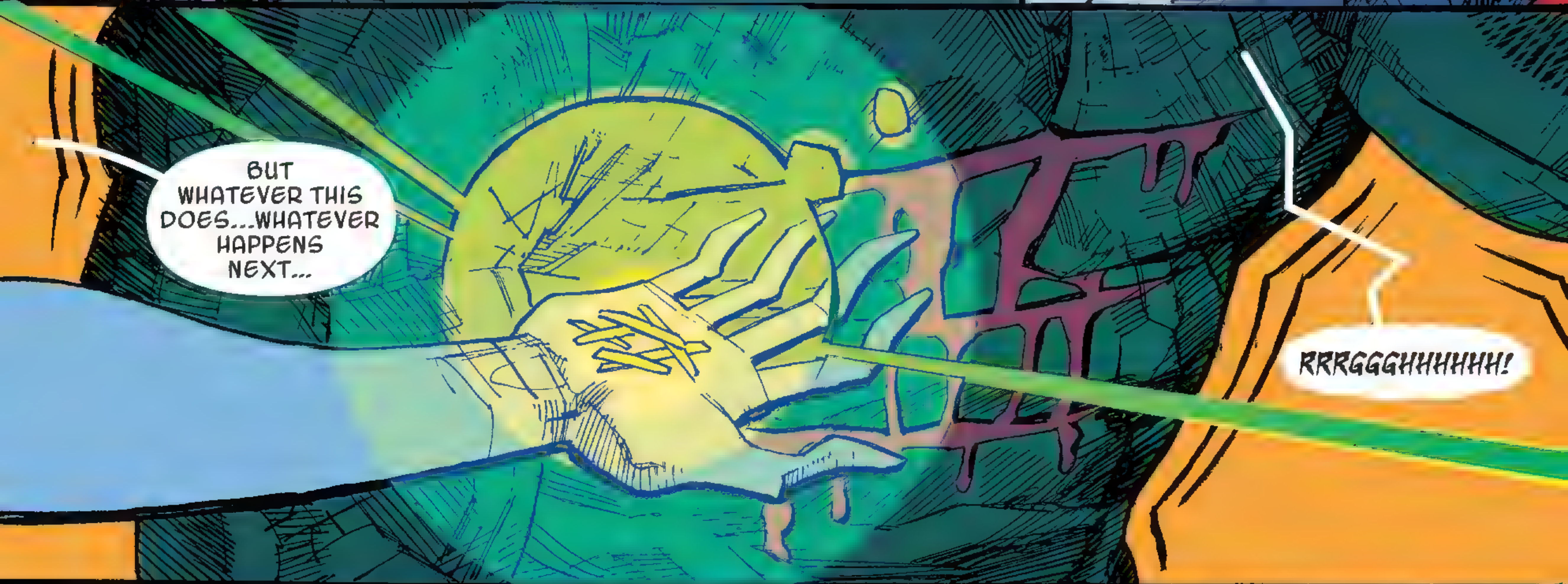
RRRRRARRGGGH!

I'M STILL  
SCARED.



BUT  
WHATEVER THIS  
DOES...WHATEVER  
HAPPENS  
NEXT...

RRGGGGHHHHHH!



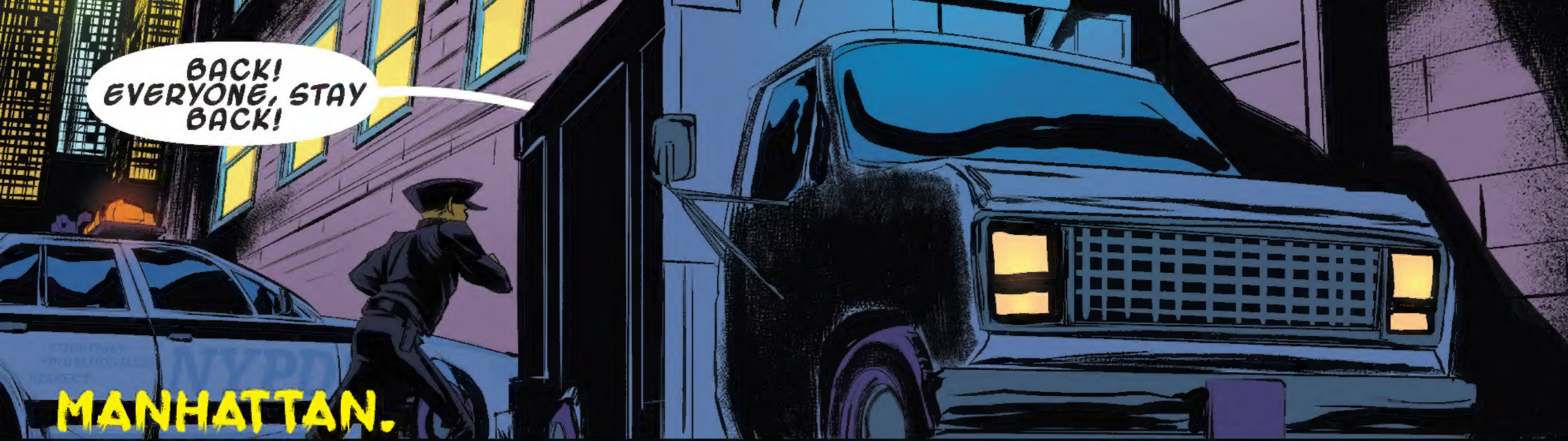
RRRRRRRGGGGHHHHHHHHHHHH

...IT'S NOT YOUR  
BURDEN TO CARRY  
ANYMORE...



HSSSSHHHHH

...THIS  
IS ALL ON **ME**  
NOW.



BACK!  
EVERYONE, STAY  
BACK!

MANHATTAN.



PULSE IS  
DROPPING.

STILL  
DROPPING.

ALL RIGHT.  
LET'S GET HIM  
ON THE DEFIB.  
NOW!



ARE  
WE DOING  
CPR?

YES.  
**AFTER** WE  
SHOCK HIM.

OH MY  
GOD...

GEORGE?



YOU...  
YOU AND  
MURDOCK...



WHY,  
FOGGY?!

DO YOU  
EVEN KNOW  
WHY?

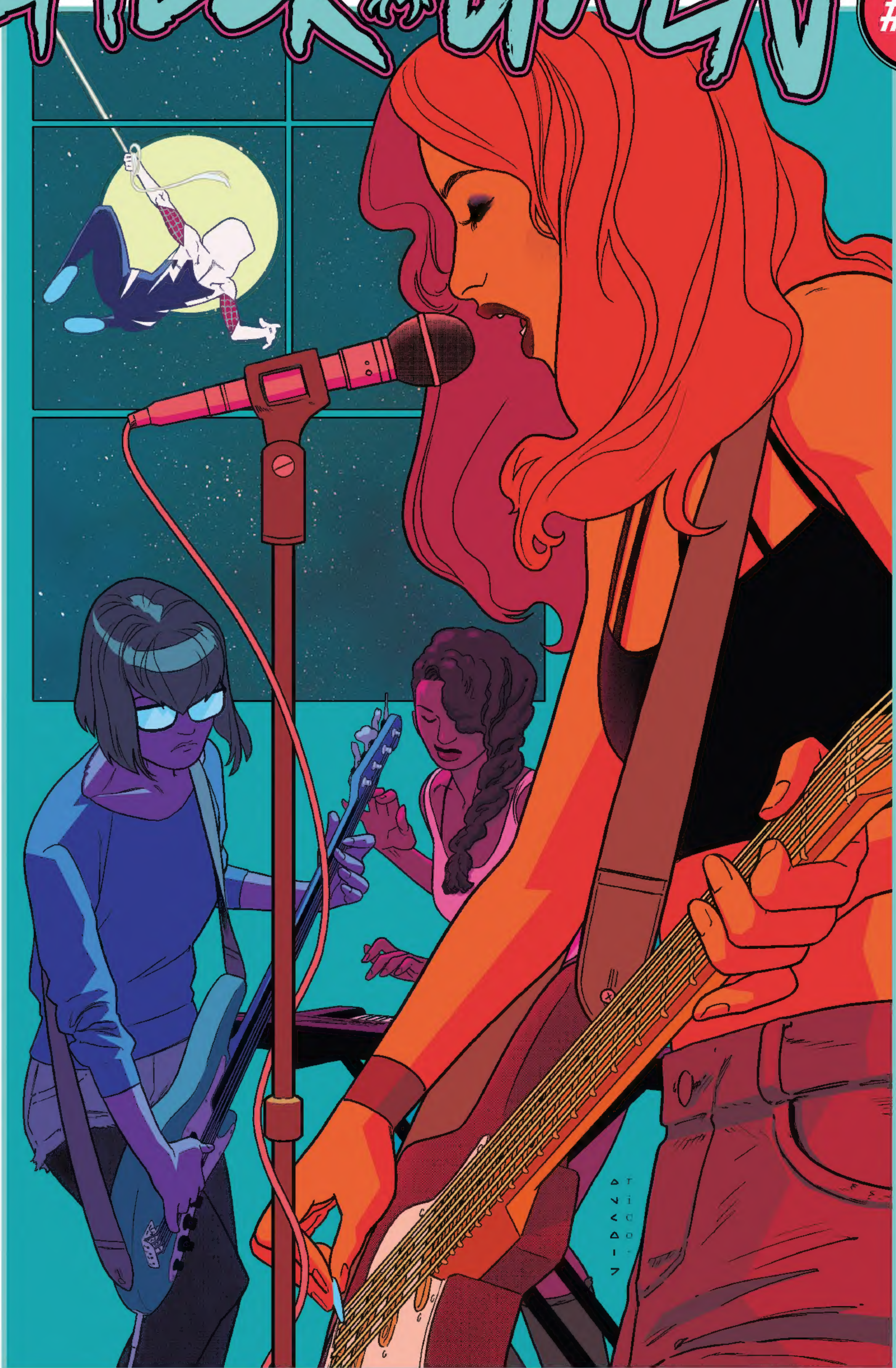


DO YOU  
HAVE **ANY** IDEA  
WHAT YOU'VE EVEN  
**DONE?!**

**TO BE CONTINUED...**

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**ON SALE NEXT MONTH!**

